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## DOWN, DOWN, GO FREIGHT RATES

### Western Roads Hit By Commerce Commission

Find After Careful Inquiry That Present Schedules Are Out Of All Proportion To Operating Expenses And Cost Of Equipment--Give Managers Until Oct. 1 To Demonstrate That New Rates Will Work Great Hardship To Roads Affected

Washington, June 30.—Several decisions of great importance to the country were handed down by the interstate commerce commission. It has ordered large reductions of freight rates west of the Missouri river, especially in the intermountain and Pacific states. The reductions are the most comprehensive that the commission ever made, and will affect all transcontinental lines. The bulk, if not all of the burden of the reductions, however, will fall upon roads operating west of the Mississippi, whose rates have been relatively higher than those of the roads in the east.

The commission has not, however, taken this important step without exercising caution. It has provided for the postponement of the effective date of its more important orders until Oct. 1. In the meantime the roads affected, acting under the commission's orders, will keep two sets of revenue accounts, one showing the revenue at the present rates and another the figures as they will stand at the reductions ordered by the commission. This comparative data is to be submitted before Oct. 1, and through this actual test the commission believes that it will be able to verify the soundness of the decision that the present rates are unreasonable.

Recent Increases Not Included.  
The decisions handed down by the commission do not relate to the recent increases in freight rates filed by most of the roads. The commission in its present decisions deals almost entirely with transcontinental rates, for which no increases up to this time have been proposed by the roads. In the opinions handed down there are several references which may have a bearing on the commission's attitude in its consideration of the widespread increases now pending. The railroads have based those increases largely on the argument of higher operating expenses. That is the exact contention made by the Union Pacific and the Denver & Rio Grande in one of the cases which the commission has just decided. "We have examined with great care," said the commission in this

### DEATH RIDES ON CREST OF FLOOD

#### Six Bodies Recovered From Debris of Kentucky Deluge.

Saylorsville, Ky., June 30.—Six bodies have been recovered following the storm which caused Licking river and the Little Fork of Bear creek to overflow their banks and sweep away 20 homes. Two of the bodies have been identified as Mrs. John Shepherd and John Conley, while three others are those of Roach Gerhart, wife and child. The sixth body is that of an unknown child. In addition to the bodies found, the families of Will Conley and John Wireman can not be found.

Telegraph connections are nearly cut off and the meager details of the flood are being brought by messengers. While searching for bodies along the banks of Licking river the

body of a young woman was seen floating down the river, but efforts to rescue it were unavailing.

On Middle creek, in Floyd county, 20 houses, many barns, several stores and a railroad bridge are reported washed away. In Knott county, near Hindman and Prestonburg, many dwellings are reported destroyed, and Beaver and Middle creeks and Licking river are crowded with floating debris and dead animals.

It is believed the death list may run considerably over 50, as the section is, under ordinary circumstances, inaccessible, and with the bridges washed away and wires down, searching parties are beset with great difficulties.

Worry Leads to Suicide.  
Athens, O., June 30.—Mrs. Nancy Cramer, 76, drowned herself in a cistern near here. She was worried over the illness of her daughter.

What He Got.  
Some children were telling their father what they got at school. "The eldest got reading, spelling and definitions. 'And what do you get, my little man?' said the father to a rosy cheeked little fellow. 'Oh, I dets readin', spellin' and arankin'."—Harper's Weekly.

### "The Twins" Are Taking Active Part In Politics



Photos by American Press Association.

"The Twins," as some of the personal friends of Gifford Pinchot and James R. Garfield call the former members of Roosevelt's tennis cabinet, have planned a busy summer and fall. Both men are ambitious, both have money, but Pinchot has more of the worldly goods than Garfield, and both want to see Roosevelt president again. They are planning, and planning with care, and so important have they become in public life that the country is watching the development of their plans with interest.

## STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SELECTED BY DEMOCRATS

Columbus, O., June 30.—At the meeting of the Democratic state committee the following executive committee and officers were selected to manage the fall campaign: Hugh S. Nichols of Batavia, chairman; Charles C. Marshall, Sidney, secretary; Fred J. Heer, Columbus, treasurer; John L. Shuff, Cincinnati; M. O. Burns, Hamilton; J. L. Koenig, Ripley; William S. Thomas, Springfield; W. D. Sherwood, Delaware; D. C. Donovan, Toledo; Joseph McGhee, Jackson; J. V. Hynus, New Lexington; M. J. Burke, Marion; Dr. S. S. Simmons, Norwalk; A. D. Pollett, Marietta; Thurman Spriggs, Woodsfield; J. J. Whitaker, Waynesburg; L. E. Koplin, Akron; and Newton D. Baker, Cleveland.

The battleship Delaware was struck by lightning and somewhat damaged at its anchorage near Norfolk, Va.

## ORDER DAVIS TO REFUND MURDERER CONVICTED

Columbus, O., June 30.—Attorney General Denman today made formal demand upon Hy D. Davis of Cleveland to pay back to the state the money which it was said was illegally drawn for expenses. He will probably refuse and suit will be entered by the attorney general to collect that amount. A similar demand will be made upon Former State Fire Marshal Rogers, who succeeded Marshall Creamer, now state treasurer.

Athens, O., June 30.—The jury in the case of John Carmichael of New Marshfield, charged with murder in the second degree for the killing of John Ellis Dec. 21, 1909, found him guilty after deliberating an hour. Carmichael claims that Ellis broke up his home and the case developed into one of the greatest in criminal annals of Athens county. Self-defense and emotional insanity were advanced by the defense.

## SELECT NICK LONGWORTH AS TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Columbus, O., June 30.—The temporary officers of the Republican state convention, July 26 and 27, were elected as follows by a subcommittee of the state central committee: Nicholas Longworth, chairman; John R. Malloy, secretary; John Maynard, Fayette county, first assistant secretary; Charles H. Garrish,

Columbus, second assistant secretary; Charles A. Cottrill, Toledo, third assistant secretary; John E. Gallagher, Cleveland, sergeant-at-arms.

Mrs. Clifford Harmon, wife of the New York millionaire aviator, took a 12-mile spin through the air with her husband.

Reportorial.  
"I am dissatisfied with your account of my discovery," declared the scientist. "I told you that it would be impossible to exaggerate the importance of this discovery."  
"Well," said the reporter, "I didn't try."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Merely a Suggestion.  
"Why don't you call your newspaper the Appendix?" asked the enemy of the political boss.  
"Any special reason for wanting me to do so?"  
"Well, it's a useless organ."—Pittsburg Post.

## ROOSEVELT WILL SEE TAFT TODAY

Former President Announces  
Visit to Beverly.

### SENATOR LODGE TO GO ALONG

Not Improbable That Governor Hughes Will Drop In to Take Part In Conference Around Which Cloak of Mystery Has Been Thrown. Lodge Estate Guarded by Police—Men While Massachusetts Senator and Rough Rider Talk Politics.

Nahant, Mass., June 30.—Every entrance to Eastern Point, the large estate of Senator Lodge, is guarded by a trusty policeman during the stay of Colonel Roosevelt. No information relative to the matters discussed by the two statesmen was given out, but Colonel Roosevelt announced that he will go to Beverly to visit President Taft this afternoon. He said also that Senator Lodge will accompany him, but further than that he refused to talk. The rumor is current, nevertheless, that Governor Hughes will leave Cambridge for Beverly right after he has delivered the Phi Beta Kappa oration. It is likely that Representative Longworth will be on hand, too.

### WILL SUPPORT HUGHES

Roosevelt Announces His Return to Political Arena.

Cambridge, Mass., June 30.—At Harvard's commencement exercises Colonel Roosevelt was the central figure, and shared with Governor Hughes of New York the interest of the day. Honorary degrees to the number of 12 were conferred. There was some surprise that Colonel Roosevelt was not so honored, he having nothing from Harvard but his bachelor's degree. Governor Hughes was made an honorary doctor of laws.

In connection with the presence together here of Mr. Roosevelt and of Governor Hughes a conversation which the two had in the college yard as the parade was forming may turn out to have much significance.

Again in Sanders theater, when the orchestra was playing, they were engaged in earnest conversation. At the meeting of the alumni Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Hughes both made reference to this conversation, and though their expressions were guarded, Mr. Roosevelt admitted that he was to enter again and at once into political activity in New York state, and that he would support Governor Hughes in the fight which he is waging in the legislature for decent government.

### Indorses Cobb Bill.

New York, June 30.—Chairman Griscom of the New York Republican county committee gave out this dispatch from Colonel Roosevelt: "During the last week great numbers of Republicans and of independent voters from all over the state have written me urging the passage of direct primary legislation. I have seen Governor Hughes and have learned your views from your representative. It seems to me that the Cobb bill with the amendments proposed by you meets the needs of the situation. I believe the people demand it. I most earnestly hope that it will be enacted into law."

### Ohio Teachers In Session.

Sandusky, O., June 30.—Marked by what is said to have been the largest attendance ever recorded in connection with a similar occasion in Ohio, the thirty-first annual session of the State Teachers' association was called to order by the president, Dr. F. B. Dyer, superintendent of the public schools of Cincinnati. Thirteen hundred teachers are here. State School Commissioner Zeller, with his right-hand men, L. C. Dick and J. R. Clark of Columbus, was early on the scene, as also was Frank W. Miller of Dayton, nominated by the Democrats at Dayton last week.

Proof.  
"How did you know that the great magnate was so ill?"  
"I saw it denied in the papers."—Puck.

New Phase of Meat Trouble.  
Can any one just tell me.  
Should beef be still sky high.  
Will ox heart cherries dearer be  
Some time in July?  
—New York Telegram.

The Reason Why.  
He—We don't see so much of you as we used to do.  
She—My husband objects to low cut dresses.—St. Louis Times.

## MURDERER IS RUN TO EARTH

### Foreigner Gives Up Secrets Of Chicago Gang

Organized To Kill And Rob--Bulgarian Arrested At Kansas City Confesses To Killing Baker At Gary Ind., And Promises To Throw Light On Mystery Surrounding Death Of Steel Mill Employee--Found Victim Asleep In Front Of Oven And Split Head With Ax

Kansas City, June 30.—Chief of Police Martin of Gary, Ind., and Chief Zimmer of the Kansas City (Kan.) police department, learned the secrets of an organized gang whose purpose is to kill and rob, from James Tonoff, a Bulgarian, who confessed to participation in the murder of Simon Nesteroff, a baker at Gary. The gang, according to Tonoff, was directed from Chicago, and at least two of its victims were foreigners in Gary.

Tonoff said he and two companions in Gary were ordered to kill George Alexander, a merchant, or Simon Nesteroff, the baker. They could not find Alexander, but they did find Nesteroff asleep in front of his oven. They killed him with an ax and took \$450 from him.

Chief Martin asked Tonoff about the murder of Vasil Christoff, who went from Chicago to Gary to work in the plant of the Illinois Steel company. Christoff's body was found under a bridge and his belt, in which he is known to have carried \$500, was missing. He had been killed with an ax just as Nesteroff had been killed. Tonoff appeared to know about the murder of Christoff, although he did not say he had a part in it. "I will tell you everything when we get back in Gary," Tonoff said.

## COLUMBUS CAR MEN THREATEN TO STRIKE

Columbus, O., June 30.—Governor Harmon was notified that if he did not take immediate action against Noah H. Swayne and Joseph Bishop of the state arbitration board because of incompetency, as charged by attorneys for the local streetcar men, an immediate demand would be made for a hearing before a competent board, and if such a board was not provided at once the union employees of the Columbus Railway and Light company would be called out on strike.

In the statement of the men it is pointed out that Judge Swayne said in an interview at Toledo he was not an employer of labor, which is taken by the men as an admission of incompetency. They also say that Bishop admitted he was a traveling salesman at the time of his appointment to the board, and the fact that he is not now nor has not been for 25 years a member of any labor organization disqualifies him for membership on the board.

Governor and Mrs. Harmon will leave this afternoon for Charlevoix, Mich., where their summer home is located. They will remain there until the last of July.

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## BOY KILLED BY CAR

Youngstown, O., June 30.—Charles R. Schuyler, 10, while jumping on and off streetcars at Struthers, fell under one of them. His dead body was dragged half a mile by the trucks before people passing along called to the motorman to stop the car.

The Net Result.  
Taylor—Did the course Baylor took in physical culture make him any stronger?  
Naylor—Only in one hand. You know he took a correspondence course.—Puck.

## PLAN NEW COLLEGE

Columbus, O., June 30.—Forty thousand dollars as a nucleus of a college endowment fund of from \$200,000 to \$500,000 was tendered to a small group of disciples of suggestive therapeutics at the annual convention of the Ohio society. The tender was made by William F. Crawford of Indianapolis, wealthy farmer, who presented the college plan to the convention. The offer came as a distinct surprise to the small group of healers by suggestion, who had congregated in the hall mainly for the purpose of listening to reports of persecutions and the spread of the suggestive therapeutics. Mr. Crawford, however, proceeded to outline his plan of a college for the teaching of his favorite method of cure.

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## CALLS WAYMAN A LIAR

Juror Share Denies That He Hung Browne Jury.  
Chicago, June 30.—After being out 115 hours the jury which has been trying the case of Lee O'Neill Browne, Democratic leader of the last state legislature, charged with bribing members of the legislature to vote for the election of William Lorimer, Republican, as United States senator, was discharged, having failed to agree.

The jurors took a ballot every two hours of their waking moments. It always stood 8 to 4 for conviction. There were 21 ballots. Juror Share's vigorous arguments for acquittal, declared the jurors, were unavailing. He refused to recede from his position that the story was pure fiction. "This is one of the most flagrant cases of jury fixing I have ever seen. The jury in the trial of Browne was packed from the start."